Council of Medical Research and other Health Institutions, no state in the country is free from the problem of Iodine Deficiency Disorders. It is estimated that about 71 people are suffering from Iodine Deficiency Disorders.

There is no specific proposal to popularize double fortified salt containing both iron and iodine, before the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

Drug watchdog

677. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drug watchdog for monitoring quality and standards of drugs is in place;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and the Rules made thereunder, the State Government through their respective Drugs Control Organizations are required to keep a regular watch on the quality and standards of drugs and monitor the same through the licensing of manufacturing and sales establishments and regular testing of Drugs samples.

Ayurvedic CGHS dispensaries

678. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ayurvedic hospitals and dispensaries at present functioning in Delhi under CGHS;

(b) the number of posts of medical officers of various grades and other staff sanctioned for these units as on 1st January, 2006 and that actually working there, category-wise;